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Board to be the governing board until such time as the Governor appointed a new one at his complete discretion. That amendment some way got changed last Friday morning or Thursday afternoon perhaps by what we determined yesterday to be illegal procedures. So the bill was moved back. And I'm asking now that this whole situation be clarified. It cannot be clarified until this amendment is put in the book and everybody does know what's going on. And I recognize, Senator Mahoney's or anyone's right to put any amendment on it they want to, and I'm asking you to do it in a proper morally legal manner.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: I question the remarks about illegal authority or jurisdiction as to what this body might do. Irrespective of whether I'm here or not, any piece of legislation comes across that board, I'm accountable here to take a vote either by voice or by button. I certainly make a personal sacrifice, and I believe this is what the circumstances are pertaining to Senator Dickinson. He just wasn't here period, and he got caught off base. They have..this is a body that has jurisdiction of itself. You can't let one man determine for his own personal benefit what he wants, and to heck with everybody else. This is what alarms me.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is to lay the bill over. Senator Dickinson, stand by for just a minute. Senator Goodrich. The motion is to lay the bill over, that's all we're debating at this time. Shall the bill be laid over?

SENATOR GOODRICH: In order to be able to make up my mind on it. Would Senator Dickinson yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson yield? O.K.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Dickinson, as I read the committee amendments, they say metropolitan..they name the combined..

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich we can't debate the bill. This is the motion just to lay it over. That's the problem we have here. We can't discuss the amendment. We are just asking whether you want to lay the bill over or not. He's trying to lay it over and have the amendments printed in the Journal.

SENATOR GOODRICH: What I want to know what is the amendment that he's asking to be laid over. Is he objecting to the name Metropolitan, or is he..what is he trying to name it? O.K. that's a good question.

SENATOR DICKINSON: May I answer? Yes, I'm objecting, Senator Goodrich, but if the amendment hadn't been changed by a an illegal procedure, and I'm not condemning anyone for it. It happened, and it happened. And I'm accepting that. There wouldn't have been all this confusion if you would just wait until the amendment the committee adopted gets put on the books so you can all read it, then you will be able to understand the amendment without me trying to have to explain it to you. That's all I'm asking.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I'm trying to name it, at this moment that the committee put on it by amendment. Eastern Nebraska Community College Area, which seems to be a very fitting name. We have Southeastern, and Northeastern and this is East Central Nebraska. That this area would entail.